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COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY MEMORANDUM #03-2001

From: Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction
Battalion FIVE

To: Distribution

Subj: GUIDANCE FOR CIVILIAN ATTIRE DURING 2001 OKINAWA
DEPLOYMENT

Ref: (a) Uniform Regulations, Chapter 7
(b) COMNAVFORJAPANINST 1020.2D of 13 Apr 01
(c) COMFLEACT OKINAWA/NAF KADENAINST 1020.1R of 31 Mar 98

1. Purpose. Per references (a) through (c), to establish policy, assign responsibility, and gives guidance for wearing civilian attire in Japan.

2. Background. Officers and enlisted personnel are permitted to have civilian clothing in their possession at naval activities ashore when authorized by the Commanding Officer. Such clothing may be authorized for wear while on authorized leave of absence, liberty, or in any off-duty status.

3. Action. All personnel of NMCB FIVE shall ensure that their dress and personal appearance are appropriate for the occasion and will not discredit the Navy. General guidance for NMCB FIVE Personnel:

a. In Japan, the standards of dress tend to be more conservative than comparable American dress standards; therefore, Tank top shirts, white and brown undershirts worn as outer-garments, cut-off shorts and shower sandals are not acceptable clothing at commissaries, dining facilities, Navy exchanges, base clubs, and recreational facilities other than the gyms and ball fields. The following guidelines shall also apply to the wearing of civilian apparel by NMCB FIVE personnel in a leave or liberty status; Tank top shirts may be worn on Camp Shields to and from physical fitness activities (i.e. jogging, volleyball, football, softball, etc.). Also, open-toed sandals (no flip flops or shower shoes) with a strap that encircles the ankle or dress sandals may be worn with or without socks in the Camp Shields Galley.

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(1) Any garment or jewelry bearing discriminatory, sexually suggestive, political or racial slogans, patches, insignia, designs or slurs, or advocating violence or illegal activity to include drug use, is prohibited.

(2) Any garment that is frayed, torn, ragged, soiled, or in an obvious state of disrepair is not authorized.

(3) Earrings. Earrings are prohibited for male personnel in civilian attire when in a duty status or while in any military vehicle, or within any base or base facility or building (i.e. the barracks, consolidated messes etc.) or other place under military jurisdiction or while participating in any organized military recreational activities.

b. Additionally, all personnel who are on a Marine Corps installation must follow the additional listed guidelines:

- (1) Shirts must be tucked in if they have tails.
- (2) Belts must be worn on all trousers with belt loops.

c. Furthermore, the wearing of nonstandard accouterments, nonapproved combinations of uniform components, and locally designed components is prohibited and is not authorized under any circumstances. Anything that is not depicted in this directive or references (a) through (c) is not authorized. As an administrative measure, the Commanding Officer will suspend the privilege of civilian clothing in cases of individuals who do not wear civilian clothing as outlined in this policy memorandum or who fail to maintain proper and adequate uniforms.

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